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RECEIVING DEVICE AND METHOD, DATA  
SALES AGENT SYSTEM, DATA SALES DEVICE  
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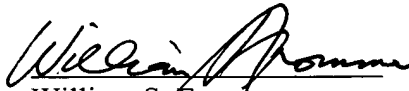
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